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Alan. We have not yet had the opportunity to ask but will do so. If we get to that point we will request affirmation from counsel to lender who is copied on this communication. Regards. MEF

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On Jan 21, 2014, at 12:23 PM, "Tenenbaum, Alan (ENRD)" <Alan.Tenenbaum@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Has the lender signed off on the language as well? Thanks.

From: Roeschenthaler, Michael J. [<mailto:MRoeschenthaler@mcguirewoods.com>]
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Alan,

Reserving all of the debtor's rights with respect to the nature and extent of the EPA's claims/obligations, this language is acceptable.

Is our condition acceptable?

Mike Roeschenthaler

On Jan 21, 2014, at 12:02 PM, "Tenenbaum, Alan (ENRD)"
<Alan.Tenenbaum@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Counsel:

The United States on behalf of EPA has some concerns about the Debtor's Motion for Financing. EPA is still reviewing the emergency motion and reserves all of its rights but wishes to raise certain objections and propose clarifying language below that would resolve these particular objections for purposes of the interim order. EPA reserves all rights as to objections raised by other parties and as to the final hearing on financing. In addition, EPA would like to know whether the proposed interim budget provides for the full performance of all work required by West Virginia's administrative order. Here is the clarifying language:

"Nothing in this Order or the DIP Documents shall relieve the Debtor of any obligations under federal, state or local police or regulatory laws or under 28 U.S.C. § 959(b). Nothing in this Final Order or the DIP Documents shall impair or adversely affect any claim of any governmental unit with respect to any insurance proceeds for liabilities under environmental laws to the extent not permitted by applicable law. As to the United States, any State or municipality and any of the foregoing's respective agencies, departments or agents, nothing in this Final Order or the DIP Documents shall discharge, release or otherwise preclude any valid right of setoff or recoupment that any such entity may have. Nothing in the Order or the DIP Documents impairs or adversely affects any right of a governmental unit under financial assurance instruments provided by the Debtor to comply with non-bankruptcy law."

Add to paragraph 27: “except that this Paragraph shall apply to environmental liabilities only so long as the actions of the [lender parties] do not constitute, within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 9601(20)(F), actual participation in the management or operational affairs of a vessel or facility owned or operated by the Debtor, or otherwise cause lender liability to arise or the status of control, responsible person, owner, or operator to exist under applicable federal, state, or local law.”

Please advise whether this language can be added to the Interim Order if the Court is willing to approve an interim order. Thank you.

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